GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Decline in Inclination of Students towards Engineering
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that there has been a decline in inclination of students towards engineering and technical education due to alarming rate of unemployment in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;
(c) whether the Government has noticed that lakhs of seats in Government and private engineering colleges of the country are lying vacant as a result thereof;
(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
(e) whether the Government has taken steps to strengthen quality based education system in order to increase employment opportunities in the said sector, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)
(a) : Yes, Madam.
(b) : The details of number of students enrolled in Engineering/ Technical Courses at UG and PG level during the last three years are as follows:
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Academic Years 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15
No. of students
enrolled
1009584 986817 919603
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(c) to (d): The State-wise details of the seats, lying vacant in Engineering and Technical Education Institutes are at Annexure.
(e): In order to enhance quality in technical education, AICTE has notified "All India Council for Technical Education (Mandatory Accreditation of all Programmes / Courses in Technical Education Institutions and University Departments & Institutions Deemed to be Universities imparting Technical Education) Regulations, 2014" vide notification F.No. 37-3/Legal/AICTE/2014 dated 29th January 2014. To rationalize the expansion of courses in engineering / technical, management etc. and to bring quality in technical education, AICTE has made it mandatory to have NBA Accreditation for institutions seeking new courses / expansion of existing courses. Further to improve quality of technical education, the following activities have been introduced:
i. Quality improvement schemes of AICTE
ii. Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM)
iii. National Digital Library (NDL)
iv. Accreditation by National Board of Accreditation (NBA)
v. Ranking of the Institutions.
vi. National Employment Enhancement Mission (NEEM)
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